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Examiner: Yao, S.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the PATENT application of

Jeffrey S. HAGGARD et al

Serial No. 09/529,391

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IN-LINE SPLITTING OF PLURAL COMPONENT

FIBERS AND FORMATION OF NONWOVEN FABRICS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time period for responding to the Office Action of September 6, 2002 from December 6, 2002, to February 6, 2003. Applicant further petitions that any and all additional extensions of the term necessary to render timely the filing of the accompanying response be granted.

Attached is a Check No. 6525 in the amount of \$410.00 in payment of the statutory fee for a two month extension of time. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

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Respectfully submitted,

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